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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7376

BILL NUMBER: SB 465

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 21, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indiana Works Councils.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Behning

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes the Governor to designate one or more distinct geographic regions throughout Indiana, and establishes an Indiana Works Council (Council) for each region. It provides that council members are selected and appointed by the Governor.

The bill requires the Education Roundtable to provide staff and administrative support to the Councils.

The bill requires each Council to prepare and submit before November 1, 2013, a comprehensive evaluation of the career, technical, and vocational education opportunities available to high school students in its region. It provides that after December 31, 2013, each Council may develop, subject to the approval of the Indiana State Board of Education, an alternative career, technical, or vocational educational curriculum for high school students in its region in order to offer those students opportunities to pursue internships and apprenticeships, learn from qualified instructors, and have a goal of:

1. Earning an industry certification;
2. Earning credits toward an associate degree; or
3. Establishing a career pathway to a high wage, high demand job that is available in the region.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could potentially have a significant administrative impact on the Education Roundtable to provide staffing and administrative support. The impact would depend on the number of Indiana Works Councils the Governor designates. The Works Councils would be established on a regional basis. Each Works Council would have to produce a comprehensive evaluation of the career, technical, and

vocational education opportunities available to high school students in its region. The Education Roundtable staff presumably would have to assist in producing and assembling each comprehensive evaluation done by a Council. The Education Roundtable currently has one staff person, so the evaluations might have to be contracted out like most of the Education Roundtable studies. The Education Roundtable staff can probably do the studies within their current resources but may have to delay other projects.

The bill does not provide that Council members would be eligible for per diem or travel expenses.

Background: The budget for the Education Roundtable is about \$2.6 M per year and is part of the appropriation for the State Board of Education.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Education Roundtable.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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